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SUBJ REACTION TO MARINE REDEPLOYMENTS

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1. REACTION TO MARINE DEPLOYMENTS FROM THAILAND HAS FOCUSED ALMOST ENTIRELY ON THE TEMPORARY TRAINING HERE OF ONE F-4 SQUADRON EN-ROUTE TO IWAKUNI. PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT AND ASSEMBLY SPOKESMEN DENOUNCED TRAINING AS CONSTITUTING A FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF US BASES. THE PRESS AND VARIOUS REFORMIST GROUPS HAVE ALSO ASSERTED THAT USMC TRAINING WILL ENDANGER CIVIL AVIATION AND DELAY NAHA AFB RETURN.
2. COMMENT. AS THE REACTION SUGGESTS MOST OKINAWANS WERE IGNORANT

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OF USMC TRAINING WHICH HAS BEEN CONDUCTED ROUTINELY FROM NAHA AFB FOR SOME TIME WITHOUT INCIDENT. UNFORTUNATELY HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF EARLY BREAK OF THE STORY, THE PRESS AND LOCAL LEADERS PUBLICLY TOOK THE HARD LINE REPORTED ABOVE (FROM WHICH THEY WILL NOT NOW BUDGE) BEFORE WE HAD A CHANCE TO ATTEMPT TO PUT THE REDEPLOYMENT IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE.

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